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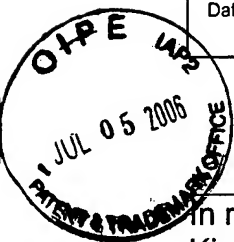
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	11	- 20* =		X	
Independent	2	- 6** =		X	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					0.00

*not less than 20

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